

**THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

ORDINANCE NO. 2005 -11

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF RIVERTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,
NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 45
OF THE RIVERTON BOROUGH CODE, TO ESTABLISH
REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSAL OF PET WASTE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverton, (the “Borough”) desire to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its residents and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply ;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED BY THE
MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERTON, COUNTY
OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY THAT:**

I. Chapter 45, Animals be amended and supplemented as follows:

ARTICLE III

Disposal of Pet Waste

Section 45-19. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Immediate – shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- b. Owner/Keeper – any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- c. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

- d. Pet - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- e. Pet solid waste – waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- f. Proper disposal – placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container, and discarded in a refuse container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

Section 45-20. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by that person.

Section 45-21. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

Section 45-22. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the Riverton Police Department and the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Riverton.

Section 45-23. Violations and Penalty:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

Section 45-24. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

II. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST:

BOROUGH OF RIVERTON

By: _____
MARY LONGBOTTOM
BOROUGH CLERK

By: ROBERT MARTIN, MAYOR

CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF

I, Mary Longbottom, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Riverton, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby **CERTIFY** that the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced and passed by the Borough Council at a meeting of said Council held August 3, 2005, and said Ordinance was finally adopted at a regular meeting of the Borough Council held September 7, 2005, after a public hearing.

Mary Longbottom, RMC
Municipal Clerk

RECORDED VOTE AYE

NAY

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

DANIEL
VILLARI
SMYTH
GILMORE
CESARETTI
ALLS-MOFFATT
MAYOR (TIE)